

## New Brockton High School Honor Rolls - 2nd Reporting Period

**"A" Honor Roll**  
7th Grade: Shelby Adkins, Claire Bailey, Savannah Ellis, Jena Freese, Dannelly Mock, Darian Morrow, Kimberly Stephenson

8th Grade: Cailynn Bastion, Whitney Brantley, Alyssa Brown, Brandi Hendrix, Heather Hendrix, Chelsey Holloway, Belinda Jones-Pitt, Steven Smith, Courtney Williams

9th Grade: Shelby Brown, Adam Pope

10th Grade: Chelsea Dempsey, Daniel Pair, Jessica Parrish, Chelsea Smith

11th Grade: Josh Adkison, Kristine Fitzgerald, Daniel Kelley, Kendall Perrin, Rachel Troyer, Beth Vaughan

12th Grade: Justin Corbitt, Adam Crosby, Tyler Moore, Andrea Proffitt

Aubrey Baer, Shelby Caradine, Brittany Clarke, Nathan Compher, Rob Driggers, Ja'miah Dunn, Aubrey Hawkins, Megan Jones, Lynn Kerrigan, Angela Marshall, John Morgan, Dakota Morris, Keltzie Myers, Garret Potete, Kayla Purvis

9th Grade: Emily Bowers, Abby Dunaway, Justin Farris, Skyler Lee, Cassidy Moore, Eltonne Muhammad, Nick Stephenson, Krista Thomas, Brook Winburn, Kelly Wood, Kristin Wood

10th Grade: Ashley Anderson, Katie Donaldson,

**William M. Johnson Jr. graduates from basic combat training in S.C.**

Army Pvt. William M. Johnson Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony,

Marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of William Johnson of Sunshine Tower, San Antonio, Texas, and Robin Johnson of New Brockton, Ala.

Johnson is a 2006 graduate of New Brockton High School.

## Health Fair held at Damascus Senior Citizens Center



DaySpring Hospice sponsored a Health Fair at the Damascus Senior Citizens Center last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 25, and those in attendance seemed thankful for the informative event. Anita Cawley, a representative of DaySpring Hospice, said the organization sponsors health fairs such as the one at Damascus in rural areas because it is sometimes difficult for the seniors to attend the bigger health fairs held in cities. Several health checks were provided during last Thursday's health fair including checks on blood pressure, oxygen level, blood sugar, hearing, and a blood mobile was onsite for those interested in donating blood. Cawley said DaySpring hopes to sponsor several health fairs at different senior centers this year throughout a four county span. Nellie English, director of the Damascus Senior Citizens Center said she felt the health fair was a beneficial event for the seniors served in the Damascus area. She said seniors from other centers also were invited to attend the event. As shown in the top photo, many of the seniors enjoying the afternoon health fair stayed long after they had their checks completed just to sit and talk with friends. The photo to the left shows Starla Flowers completing a blood sugar check on one of the seniors. The health fair also proved to be a great source for information regarding various medical services.

## Tri-County Valentine pageant set for Feb. 10th

The 2007 Tri-County "Valentine Sweetheart" pageants, sponsored by the members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Elba High School auditorium beginning at 6 p.m.

The age divisions will include: Tiny Miss (1-2 years old); Toty Miss (3-5 years old); Little Miss (6-8 years old); Mini Miss (9-11 years old); Junior Miss (12-14 years old); and Miss Tri County (15-18 years old). There is an entry fee to participate.

For questions, contact: Starla Amison at 897-8301 after 4 p.m.; Lowayne Parks at 897-3907; Ray Kyle at 897-5851 after 5 p.m.; Jim Dodd at 897-2835 or Herb Winters at 897-3095.



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## EDITORIAL

## The way forward.....

**BLASTING THE WAY FORWARD**  
With Fern Cox

There have been regular questions coming into the Elba Clipper office about another of Editor Linda Hodge's original serial stories. Well one has started this week. Expect chapters once a week for the next nine weeks. It is the story of a young man who gets the urge to wander and find that better world. Many of us know that from a personal experience. We also know that results of scratching that itch vary widely, some productive and others not so successful. Linda just finished writing this one last night, so frankly not even those of us around the office know the outcome . . . so don't even bother to ask us about the outcome. That will come in the ninth segment . . . in April.

For several years there has been lots of fanfare and even a movie about successful efforts to re-establish the almost extinct Whooping Crane in North America. The idea of using an ultra light airplane to teach the young birds the migration routes is what is most fascinating. Well the crop this year has ended in a disaster. Nineteen juvenile cranes were led to Florida for the winter and eighteen of them perished in the severe weather that hit that state last week. Somehow one got out of the pen and its radio transmitter led officials several miles away where it had taken up with some Sand Hill Cranes.

That reminds us of the story of thousands of dollars spent several years ago to save a couple of birds caught in the aftermath of a major oil spill. We believe this event happened after the big spill in Alaska. The birds were cleaned up, nurtured for months and when their feathers grew out again, and proper health restored, they were released into the ocean with a big fanfare. The TV cameras were there, everything . . . to watch the birds happily swim twenty feet into the bay and each one be instantly swallowed by a hungry seal.

The national debt is staggering. There is a web site that updates this number daily. At 11:17 a.m. Tuesday it was at \$8,700,625,968,815.04. Don't forget the four pennies on the end! That eight to the left is trillion for those of you trying to verbalize this number. Hopefully none of The Elba Clipper readers will try to understand such a pile of money - we would lose a reader to insanity. At the above time there were 300,887,264 people in the U.S. Therefore each of us own \$28,916.56 on that debt. Hurry and pay up because the total is going up by an average of \$1.5 billion a day.

It made all the news last week and is as the details trickle out people are still in shock. A sheriff's wife and a deputy sheriff responding to her call for help were killed in Jackson County, Florida. We didn't know either of the two, nor the two men killed minutes later in a shootout with the sheriff and two other deputies. We do know Sheriff Johnny McDaniel and he is an extremely nice guy. No one deserves this burden, but surely not Johnny Mc. His dad was killed in a convenience store robbery some 25 years ago, a son died from an illness fairly recently, etc., the list goes on and on. If all that wasn't enough, his daughter is married to the sheriff in another Florida county . . . horror of horrors, how can the man sleep at night? If there is any good side in all this, it is that several grandchildren were often at their rural home but happened to be elsewhere the day of the killings.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one for fraudulent use of a debit card, one for a lost cell phone, one for criminal mischief, one for harassing communications, one for criminal trespassing, one for burglary, one for domestic violence, one for a private property accident, one for robbery, one for resisting arrest, one for possession of marijuana and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, one for robbery, one for resisting arrest, one for possession of marijuana and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, two for not wearing a seat belt, one for no child restraint and two for improper lights.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
**MONDAY, JAN. 29** - Two-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 84 W. (2:58 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched as mutual aid to a mobile home fire at 15663 Hwy. 84 (9:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 15663 Hwy. 84 (9:49 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, JAN. 30** - Attempted burglary reported at a business on Buford St. (8:40 a.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31** - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 2805 Taylor Mill Rd. (7:39 a.m.); Minor two-vehicle wreck reported in the parking lot of the

By: U.S. Senator Richard Shelby

On January 10th, President Bush addressed the nation to outline the new way forward in Iraq. While I have expressed concerns about our ongoing military operations in the Middle East, I believe we must carefully examine this new strategy. It is essential that our presence in Iraq be weighed against the achievability of our long-term goals for Iraq and its people. The President's plan provides a strategy that goes further than simply sending more American servicemen into combat. It addresses both the political and military operations necessary to follow through on our obligation to bring about stability in Iraq. But it is not without risk.

The American people have become discouraged by the

political miscalculations and lack of progress that we have made since the initial fall of Baghdad, and understandably so. But let's be clear - the consequence of failure in Iraq is the strengthening and growth of radical extremists that seek to destroy the freedoms we hold dear.

While no one wants our military personnel to be in harm's way, increasing the American military presence in Baghdad and the surrounding region is a justifiable measure if they are given a clearly defined mission and achievable military objectives. However, our struggles in Iraq have proven that we cannot do it alone. Victory in Iraq will ultimately rest with the Iraqi government and its people. It is the Iraqi's who must continue to work aggressively to rid their country of Islamic extremists intent on destroying security

and democracy in the Middle East and around the globe.

While we have just begun to debate the intricacies of this new strategy, our commitment to our servicemen must remain strong. The members of the United States armed forces willingly face grave dangers for each and every one of us. It is vital to continue to support the troops by ensuring that they have the best equipment, best supplies, and best leadership necessary to get the job done. I acknowledge that there are different view points within Congress about our way forward in Iraq, but Congress should never let political infighting lead to bickering for bullets. Cutting off funding for our troops should never be an option.

This is not a war that will be won overnight and it is dangerous to believe that if we set an

artificial timeline to withdraw troops from Iraq that the terrorist violence would not follow us home. Allowing Iraq to become a safe haven for radical extremists is a threat not only to the safety and security of the United States, but to the entire free world. It is essential that we follow through on our obligation to bring about stability in Iraq and establish an environment where its political and economic structures will succeed. While no one can guarantee success, quitting now most certainly would assure failure.

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**FEBRUARY 9-13**  
Enterprise Shopping Center

**I - NOBODIT** (PG-13)  
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**II - EPIC MOVIE** (PG-13)  
M-F 7:10 & 9:10 - SAS 2, 7:10 & 9:10  
Coming - Feb. 14 - Music & Lyrics & Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls

**III - NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM** (PG)  
M-F 7:10 & 9:10 - SAS 2 & 7  
SAT 2, 7 & 9:10

**IV - STOMP THE YARD** (PG-13)  
M-F 7 & 9:10 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:10

**V - HANNIBAL RISING** (R)  
M-F 7 & 9:10 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:10

**VI - BECAUSE I SAID SO** (PG-13)  
M-F 7 & 9:10 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:10

**VII - THE MESSENGERS** (PG-13)  
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## Something Better

by Linda M. Hodge

## Chapter One

It had been a while since Kyle last spoke with his big brother, Kevin, and now he sat glaring at the telephone trying to convince himself to pick up the phone. He couldn't believe he had let nearly a year pass, and he had no one to blame but himself. After all, Kevin had tried on several occasions to make contact, but for one reason or another, Kyle was always too busy to return his brother's call. It now had been a few months since even Kevin's last call.

"Just do it," Kyle told himself. "There's no time like the present."

Yet, he still couldn't bring himself to make the call. What would he say? How would he explain his absence? He knew there was no excuse for his behavior. He also knew his brother knew there was no excuse.

Kyle actually was surprised Kevin hadn't thrown in the towel a long time ago and already given up on his little brother. That, however, was something Kyle would never admit to anyone, though. It was hard enough to admit his mistakes to himself. He certainly wasn't looking forward to admitting them to anyone else, especially his brother.

Growing up, the Mason brothers had always been close. Kyle was like most typical "little brothers." He looked up to his big brother and wanted to be just like him.

Kevin, like most big brothers, often got a little tired of Kyle tagging along, but he also was very protective of his brother.

The strong bond between brothers remained as they grew older and became young men ready to take on the world. Kevin got married, started a family and followed the Mason tradition of joining the family business. Most thought Kyle would do the same, and he seemed to be headed in that direction. That was of course until one day about five years ago when, out of the blue, Kyle announced he was leaving their small town of Cedar Oaks and moving to the city. He hadn't been back since.

For a while after Kyle moved, the two brothers managed to keep in touch, but slowly their bond seemed to diminish and they began drifting apart. The longer Kyle stayed away from Cedar Oaks, the less it seemed the two had in

common. The more time that passed, the less they spoke until the two brothers reached a point where they only spoke on occasion.

Kyle decided he had stared at the phone long enough. There was no need to put it off any longer. It was time to reconnect with his brother. He was reaching for the phone when suddenly it began to ring.

"Hello."

"Well, hello, little brother."

"Kevin? How are you?"

"A little shocked to be honest."

"What do you mean?"

"I can't believe you actually answered the phone. 'What's it been now... a year?'"

"Sounds about right. Is everything okay?"

"Fine. I just thought I would give my little brother a call. Figured I'd get your machine again, though."

Kyle was kind of in shock himself. He decided when Kevin quit calling a few months ago that he was done trying.

"I guess all's great in the big city," Kevin continued. "Much more exciting than little 'ole Cedar Oaks.'"

"Things are definitely hectic," Kyle responded. "What are things back home?"

"Pretty good."

"I've actually been thinking a lot about home lately. Wondering about you, Anna and Jake."

"We're all fine. Jake misses his uncle, though. Just the other day, he asked when he was going to see Uncle Kyle again. I guess that's what prompted me to give you a call tonight. I know you're busy Kyle and haven't been here in a while, but I was wondering if you might consider coming home for a visit. We'd all love to see you, and there are a few things I could use your help with here."

It wasn't Kevin's nature to ask for help, so Kyle knew it must be important for him to ask.

"Why don't I take some time off work and come up for a couple of weeks?"

"Are you sure?" Kevin asked in surprise.

"Absolutely. I just need a couple of days to get things together."

**Next Week: Chapter Two**

Kyle's Not The Only One Coming to Visit

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## Obituaries

## FLOYD HARRELL CARROLL

Mr. Floyd Harrell Carroll, age 75, of County Road 545, New Brockton, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at the family residence following a brief illness.

Mr. Carroll was born January 22, 1932 in Coffee County to the late Marvin L. and Bonnie R. Nicholson Carroll. He was a member of Bethany Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Coffee County School Board for 26 years.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2, 2007 from Bethany Baptist Church with Dr. Tony Dye and Rev. Mike Medley officiating. Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Carroll was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Ruth Carroll; and a brother, Ferrell Carroll.

Survivors include one daughter: Donna Odum (Terry), Dothan, Ala.; two sons: Phillip Michael Carroll (Shelly) and Gregory N. Carroll (Debra), all of New Brockton; three sisters: Ella Jean Vaughn and Peggy Stroud (Paul), both of Elba, Ala.; one brother: Edwin O. Carroll (Nell), New Brockton; his step-mother: Lena Mae Carroll; one step-sister: Callie Jones (Doyce) - Enterprise; seven grandchildren: Rachel Strickland (husband Joseph), Heather Carroll, Michael Carroll, Weston Odum, Ashley Odum, Kristy Odum and J-Mack Danford; and one great-grandchild: Aden Strickland.

## ROSA WRIGHT

Ms. Rosa Wright, age 60, formerly of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at Martin Memorial Hospital-South in Stuart, Fla.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, 2007 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, with Pastor Darryl Caldwell officiating. Burial followed in the

Bethlehem Baptist Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Jacquellia Beatrice Morival (Elbin) and Faith Coleman (Floyd), both of Stuart, Fla.; Precious Hurst (Eddie), Ft. Pierce, Fla.; her mother: Kacy Nell Folmar, Elba; three brothers: James E. Wright, Willie R. Wright (Betty) and Steve Wright (Mattie), all of Elba; seven sisters: Dorothy Wright, Aurora, Ill., Grace Mitchell and Mary Stoumdire, both of Stuart, Fla.; Clara Wright, Gladys Wright, Liz Wright and Lucy Green (Paul), all of Elba; and seven grandchildren.

## IRA HAYNES JR.

Mr. Ira Haynes Jr., age 67, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at Dale County Medical Center, Ozark, Ala.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, 2007 at Union Grove Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala., with Pastor Gregory Moseley officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home

directing. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Evelyn; three brothers, Caliph, Johnny and Willie Mitchell; and one sister, Mary.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Lane Haynes; four daughters: Janine Haynes, Daleville, Ala., Irish Haynes, Quincy, Fla., Barbara Fay Haynes, California; Rachel Andrews, Troy, Ala.; four sons: James (Tiffany) Haynes, Ft. Hood, Texas; Toraz Haynes, Brundidge, Ala.; Ira Steve Haynes Jr., California; Ronald Johnson, Dothan, Ala.; one sister: Dorothy Wright, Bellwood, Ala.; and one brother: Jerry Haynes, Enterprise, Ala.



## CHURCH & AREA NEWS

**Round & About With Eria**  
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**THE "MOUTH OF THE SOUTH"** was brought back to life at First Baptist Church, Enterprise Tuesday morning, January 30. Over one hundred and thirty Senior Adults representing twenty one churches in Coffee Baptist Association enjoyed Jerry Clower impersonator, Rev. Ed Cotton from Pace, Florida. The stories of Marcel and Clovis Ledbetter were once again brought to life as Rev. Cotton shared stories about Clower's "upcomings" in Amite County Mississippi. Shirley Holland and Elizabeth Lindsey are Senior Adult Directors for Coffee Baptist Association. Look for more good things to come for Senior Adults in Coffee County. If you need information on the upcoming events, call 894-6411.

### Single Adults enjoy conference at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise

Who would have expected an afterpiece in a Baptist church in Enterprise, AL, and entertainment by Roy Orbison, a prior member of the band "Clutch," songs by Elvis and other greats, and a former beauty queen? The Single Adult Conference at Hillcrest Baptist Church did just that on January 20th! While the songs of Elvis, Roy Orbison and other great artists were brought to life by Buck Gaines and Steve Thompson, the former band member from Clutch was the

Neysa Wilkins

currently a newscaster for Channel 7 in Panama City Beach, Florida. Neysa sang and shared how the Lord changed her life while recovering from divorce. The program was fun and inspiring to all who attended.

**Carol Reardon, Single Adult**

**The Brady's to be in**  
**singing at Haw Hill**  
**Assembly of God**  
The Brady's will be in concert

throughout the year to include a cook-out at Donaldson Park under the Pavilion on October 13, 2007. Other ongoing events include a "dutch-reat" dinner at Pe. Falls every second Monday at Haw Hill Assembly of God, Brundidge, Ala. on Sunday, February 11, 2007 beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information call 334.735.5463.

**A. R. Williams, Pastor**  
 Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
 2nd & 4th Sundays

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH</b>	<b>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Duane Delmain - Pastor</b>	<b>Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Even. Worship.....5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Wed. Prayer Meet.....6:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>CHURCH</b>		

**Pastor**  
 10:00 a.m.  
 11:00 a.m.  
 5:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF  
 GOD IN CHRIST**  
**Elder Cornelius Newman-Pastor**  
 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
 Bib Stud Tue & Thur.....7:00 p.m

**SHADY GROVE A.M.E.**  
**Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor**  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Praise Service Mon.....5:00  
 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.	<b>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b>	<b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Gary Dunn, Pastor</b>	<b>Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor</b>
3:00 p.m.	Sunday School.....9:00	Sunday School.....9:45
<b>CHURCH OF</b>	Morn. Worship.....10:00	Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
<b>Minister</b>	Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.	Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
9:45	Wed. Prayer Meet.....6:30 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Meet.....6:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	<b>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF</b>	<b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY</b>
6:30 p.m.	<b>BAPTIST CHURCH</b>	<b>BAPTIST CHURCH</b>

<b>FOUNDATION</b>		<b>GOD'S CHURCH</b>		<b>Pastor Rev. Earl Smith</b>	
<b>Prayer Service.....10:30</b>		<b>Holla Bradley-Minister</b>		<b>Sunday School.....9:45</b>	
		<b>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.</b>		<b>a.m.</b>	
		<b>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.</b>		<b>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>.....5:00 p.m.</b>		<b>Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.</b>		<b>Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>.....3:00</b>		<b>Wed. Night Service.....7:00</b>		<b>Wed. Night Service.....7:00</b>	
				<b>p.m.</b>	
				<b>Friday Prayer Meeting.....5:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>LIFE DEL.</b>		<b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b>			

.....Bro. Jerry Long, Pastor  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service.....7:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA  
 CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

.....Pastor.  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS  
 CHURCH**

Pastor-Rev. Roy L. Turner  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.	Lorelei Flowers, Minister	Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.	Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.	Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.	Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m.
	2nd & 4th Sundays	
<b>CHURCH</b>		<b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b>
Webber		Donnie Marler, Pastor
10:00 a.m.		Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.		
	<b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b>	
	Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor	

5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**METHODIST**  
ee, Pastor

2nd & 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sun Nights  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.

**FERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Mickey Goodwin, Pastor

11:00 a.m.  
6:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....5:45 p.m.  
Wed. Worship.....7:00 p.m.

**VICTORY TABERNACLE**  
Sis. Ruby Nell & Doug Lawson,  
Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.	Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.	Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
	Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.	Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.
	Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.	Wed. Worship.....7:00 p.m.
	Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor - Rev. Bobby Holladay

11:00 a.m.	Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
3:00 p.m.	
5:00 p.m.	

**PRaise & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER**  
 Pastor - Rev. Monte Ruten

11:00 a.m.	Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
3:00 p.m.	
5:00 p.m.	

6:00 p.m.	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
	Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.	Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
	Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Meet.....6:30 p.m.
	Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	
<b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b>		<b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST</b>



# SCHOOLS

## Journalism Spotlight

by Ashton Rodriguez



This week's Journalism Spotlight focuses on Lauren McClung.

Lauren is the 17-year-old daughter of John McClung and Yvette Akridge. She enjoys being a senior in high school, reading, singing, playing the flute, babysitting and spending time with family and friends.

Lauren is an active member of the Ino Baptist Church youth group, youth choir, puppet team, drama team and Girl Scout Troop #300. She is involved in numerous voluntary community service projects.

Lauren is a member of St. Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, the Marching Tiger Band Danceline, Concert Band and a Representative of SGA. She is also Varsity Cheerleading Co-Captain, EHS Ambassador Special Events Coordinator, Elba's co-editor, Tiger Times editor and the reigning Miss Elba.

Lauren describes herself as always being driven toward her goals. Her favorite thing about journalism is discovering how to use the yearbook program, InDesign.

After graduation, Lauren plans to attend Samford University to obtain a pre-med degree and later attend medical school to become a pediatrician.

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## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Ashton Rodriguez  
& Clara Burrows

This week's teacher spotlight is Mrs. Amanda Martin. Mrs. Martin is an English teacher and also coaches volleyball and helps with JV cheerleaders. She attended Enterprise State and graduated from the University of Alabama. Mrs. Martin has been teaching for 10 years. She previously taught at South Montgomery County Academy, Highland Home School and Escambia County High School. She is the proud wife of Chris Martin, her high school sweetheart. Mrs. Martin is the youngest of eight children and has 17 nieces and nephews. In her spare time, she likes to read.

## New portable buildings donated by local company

by Brittany Phillips

The old cliché "out with old and in with new" refers to the new portable buildings recently donated by Pete Cash and Mobile Attic.

The old dilapidated storage buildings, which are an "eye sore," have been replaced with new ones, which will be used by the school to store athletic equipment. These new buildings have allowed for increased security for the equipment.

Assistant Principal Kevin Killingsworth was responsible for finding someone to help with this project because he believed the buildings were in need of repair or replacement. Because the buildings were severely damaged, repair was not an option.

Luckily, the generosity of the Cash family has made it possible for Elba High to enjoy the

## Elba Elementary School releases "A" and "A/B" Honor Rolls

"A" Honor Roll

1st Grade: Jeremiah Jordan, Mone Martin, Alyssa Kyles, April Coppage, Gavin Caldwell, Isaiah Daniels, Jessica Lewis, Mia Clark, Evie Bivin, Jonathan Zavala, Tamya Griffin, Tony Daniels, Laken Cooks, Winston

Kelley, Tiffany Campbell, Kira Starks, Quishyia Jones, Hailey Parrish, Walter Craighead, Zachary Hudson, Trinity Miller, Destinee Cole, Austin Lee, Jordan Magwood, Katelyne Turner, Olivia Wilkerson, Tamecia Sanford, Preston Millay, Tanner Skinner, Cooper

up-to-date buildings. The athletes, coaches, administration, and all at Elba High greatly appreciate the donation.

## Elba Elementary School releases "A" and "A/B" Honor Rolls

"A/B" Honor Roll

1st Grade: Adrien Williams, Dallas Luckett, Jaden Purvis, Charles Hudson, LaDoris Adams, Karin Burks, Johnny Calloway, Kendra Jordan, Jamya McCord, Alexia Rodriguez, Vilee Sams, Bryan Sanders, Logan McCown, Dalton Register, Floyd Bourgeois, Hudson Wise

2nd Grade: Emily Andrews, Quentin Bryan, Chris Wilson, Millicent Nolin, Samoyah Oliver, Mason Addison, Landon Canley, Talon Flowers, Isaiah Kyles, Raven Lewis, Alexis Rogers, Jerron Register, Grant Akridge, Kelsey Kelley, Mykailah Patterson, Garian Ware

3rd Grade: Shawn Canley, BJ Free, Maggie Johnson, Mone King, Clark Logan, Chase Moseley, Colton Skipper, Alberto Zavala, Alex Dawson, Justice Lavoie, J. Cole Spicer, Caitlin Bradshaw, Tripp Hudson, Cammie McCollough, Travis Carr, Sydney Cochran, Avery Harrison, Bridge Harrison, Tanner Hudson, DeQuan Jordan, Alex McCown, Erin Smith, Cavosia Stinson

4th Grade: Victoria Greer, Emilee Hudson, Chance Johnson, Reid Rials, Troy Funk

5th Grade: Kayla Sheppard, Chelsea Spanna, Quinton Smith,

6th Grade: Brandon Beck, Nick Green, Katie Johnson, Aquante Jones, Tia Kelley, Jada McKenzie, Kyle Richard, Asia Sistrunk, Trent Carr, Terrianna Goosby, Blake Dawson, Cody Lord, Dustin Bolding, Aerial Calloway, Chip Curtis, Venecia Magwood, Sarah Bryan, Brianna Daniels, Reggie Deal, Malik Kelley, Ebony Patterson

6th Grade: Meagan Concannon, Michael Calloway, Hayes Spicer, Julianne Davis, Chad Eddings, Ashley Foster, Shannon James, Lawrence Jensen, Eljuan King, Korie Machado, Aston Sem, Reilly Singletary, Blaine Watkins, Brinkley Williams, Kordra Downie, Austin Johnson, Alissa Lord, Ryan Marler, Nathan Miller, Chloe Simmons

## Brittany Phillips meets renowned author

by Yoquesha Terry

On Friday, Jan. 26, the winner of the To Kill A Mockingbird essay contest, Brittany Phillips, and her English teacher, Amanda Martin, took a trip to the University of Alabama.

The essay contest was sponsored by the Alabama Honors College and the Alabama State Department of Education. Participants of the essay contest had to write about how the economy has changed since To Kill A Mockingbird was written and whether the participant believes racism is still around today and why.

Each winner received \$100. While at the university, all the

winners from Alabama met in the Smith Hall Gallery for the Awards Ceremony. After the awards ceremony each winner went to the Mary Harmon Bryant Hall library to meet Harper Lee, author of To Kill A Mockingbird.

There each winner stood in line and waited for Harper Lee to autograph his or her copy of To Kill A Mockingbird. Harper Lee signed every book

on the half page cover. Brittany explained, "I thought it was very interesting how she signed every book on the half page cover."

Brittany Phillips waits while Harper Lee autographs her book.



Brittany Phillips waits while Harper Lee autographs her book.

## Elba Elementary hosts conference

by Sydney Brunson

Elba Elementary School received a great compliment

recently when the company ERI asked the school to be the host for the Alabama First Reading Initiative.

ERI works closely with the Alabama Reading First Initiative, an exciting program that ERI first implemented last year. The conference was held Tuesday, Jan. 30, and was attended by numerous teachers, principals and reading coaches who are using the Reading First Initiative in their schools.

The visitors were taken to different classrooms to see the school's independent work stations in first and second grades and the advanced comprehension study in the upper grade levels.

"They were all very complimentary of the student behavior and the progress that the students have made," said Gina Price, curriculum coordinator at Elba Elementary School.

Using Elba's program as an example for other schools is encouraging to all involved with the school program.

## Student-Faculty b'ball game set for Feb. 16

The Sr. Beta Club will sponsor the annual student-faculty basketball game Friday, Feb. 16, at 1:20 p.m. Proceeds from the game will be donated to further research of Cystic Fibrosis.

The admission fee is only \$1.00 per person.

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# SCHOOLS

## FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News

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## Q&A: Get to know Luke Simmons

by Alex Lee

Recently while sitting and talking to Luke Simmons, one of the seniors on the varsity boys basketball team, I asked him some questions:

Q: What is your favorite sport to watch? Why?

A: Football is my favorite sport because of the intense action.

Q: What is your favorite sport to play? Why?

A: I love to play baseball because I'm not too bad at it.

Q: Tell me in your own words what makes a good athlete?

A: I think that a good athlete is someone who has determination and a good attitude.

Q: What do you believe is necessary to do in order to be successful in the sports you play? (Physically and mentally)

A: I think that to be successful you have to be in shape and

## Trials of a Cigarette Smoker: NBHS student shares his experience

by Kayla Farnon

When our parents were our age, they could buy cigarettes and smoke pretty much anywhere they wanted, including hospitals and schools. Cigarette ads could be seen everywhere, on buses, billboards, TV and magazines. Their parents even bought them cigarettes. Imagine, our own grandparents! Today things are a little different. Everyone knows that smoking causes cancer and other health problems. Studies show that it can shorten your life by 14 years or more.

So why do people keep lighting up? The one word answer is addiction.

Any smoker will tell you the nicotine in a cigarette is highly addictive, and that once you are addicted you have to have that nicotine just to feel normal. So you can imagine how difficult it might be to quit.

Recently, I interviewed Russell Burwell, NBHS student and long-time smoker, about how he quit smoking.

Q: At what age did you start smoking?

A: I started smoking when I was 11 years old.

Q: Why did you start smoking?

A: I started on a dare. Back then I would do almost anything on a dare.

Q: How did you quit?

A: Cigarettes cost so much and I knew, of course, that they weren't good for me. I just finally made up my mind to do it, but I started out by just cutting back. It wasn't really a cold-turkey thing.

Q: How much did you smoke a day?

A: I used to smoke about 10-15 cigarettes a day.

Russell is looking forward to the benefits of not smoking.

"I already have more energy and more money in my pocket," he said. "I know that in the long run I'll have more life to live."

At this time Russell has officially quit smoking, but admits that when he gets stressed out or angry he is really tempted to pick up another one.

"I've just got to take it one day at a time," he said.

If you smoke but want to break the habit there's a lot of support out there.

The Internet offers a lot of resources to help. You can start with the American Cancer Society website or the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids website.

Just remember that it's kind of like dieting. The first few days may be the most difficult, so you may have several relapses. It's never too late, though, so stick with it and it will get easier.

Small Ads Work... You're Reading This One!

## Classrooms beckon students at NBHS

by Kendall Persin

Students and teenagers typically dread walking into the classroom every day.

Most would really rather be anywhere other than sitting behind a desk with a pen in hand, and it is easy to drift off into fantasy land, imagining being in numerous other places - on a beach, fishing, riding around with friends, or even relaxing on the couch at home.

The classroom is a place for learning, no doubt about it, and students do not have to have an exciting atmosphere in order to learn. It is not a requirement.

However, an appealing, comfortable classroom doesn't hurt either.

It is uplifting and inspiring to



walk into a classroom that beckons. There are two beckoning

classrooms at New Brockton High School.

The classrooms of Mrs. Walker and Ms. Wilkins are stimulating and intriguing with decorations, pictures and posters depicting what they teach along with many words of encouragement and motivation.

Many could sit in Ms. Wilkins' room for hours reading every poster on the ceiling while Mrs. Walker's room is filled with cultural Hispanic décor and student-made projects that one ordinarily would not see every day.

Classrooms should be warm and inviting to the soul and stimulating to the mind. These women know just what to do to beckon students into their classrooms.

## Message to Parents: Let the games begin

by Stephanie Beavers

Parents and teachers may hate to hear this, but guess what? Video games aren't so bad after all.

In fact, there are some games on the market right now that can even make students smarter.

Nintendo DS has a game called Brain Age, which improves focus, concentration and memory. At the end of the

game players are given their "brain age" according to how many problems they got right or wrong. While having fun, players are also increasing memory retention and improving their concentration skills.

Nintendo also has a new system called the Wii, which comes with a disc called Wii Sports. This game will get couch potatoes up and moving!

It is great exercise. Students

are always hearing they need to be more active and physically fit, right? This will definitely do it.

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

My baby girl celebrated her 18th birthday Sunday, and I guess that makes it official that whether I like it or not, both my girls are now grown. Since they both still come to Daddy when they need money I can still tell them what I would like them to do. However, I also understand that it is time for them to make many decisions on their own. Hopefully they will make the right decisions, and maybe even ask Daddy what to do a few times down the line.

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers suffered their eighth straight loss and saw their record slip to 9-16 last week with a 58-39 home court loss to Opp. The loss marked the fourth time this season the Tigers lost to their neighbors from across the Covington County line, and it seemed like the losses got worse and worse as the season rolled along. Friday night the Tigers simply could not find the basket, as they hit only 1 of 19 shots from behind the three-point arc, and even had the Opp fans pleading with them to quit taking three-pointers. The Elba players hustled on defense and played hard for all four quarters, but just couldn't score no matter what they tried to do. The Tigers owned a 9-8 record a few weeks back and I warned their fans that there were no more easy wins on the schedule, and those fears came true as the closed out the regular season losing eight straight games. With a trip to Calhoun left on the schedule in the opening round of the area tournament, unless something just short of a miracle happens it looks like Elba will end the season with nine straight losses and a losing record. Before leaving the subject of the Elba Tigers, I must say I was embarrassed Friday night with the actions of the players in their pregame warm-ups. The players used their final home game to apparently make a statement about themselves as individuals, and their little show made it clear to me that these young men cared more about their own personal feelings than being part of a team. Maybe that is why the team has a losing record!

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers dropped their final regular season game to the sixth-ranked Opp Lady Bobcats 75-45 and were simply out-matched by their talented opponents. The Lady Tigers battled back from an early 16-1 deficit to pull within two points, but could never grab the lead, and then ran out of gas in the second half as they suffered the thirty-point defeat. Elba's girls didn't have the most talented team on the court most nights and their record was certainly somewhat of a disappointment. However, the girls did play hard every time they hit the court and win or lose, never gave up. That is perhaps something the team can build on for next season.

\*\*\* It is tournament time across the state, and this season for local fans it means it is time to get up the car and head out to watch their teams in action. Kinston and Zion Chapel will both travel to Dothan, while New Brockton will head to Barbour County for the boys tourney and to Samson for the girls event. Brantley is the exception to the rule, since both the boys and girls won their area titles and will be at home. From "white" to "red", it looks like the Kinston Lady Bulldogs and Brantley Lady Bulldogs are locks to advance to sub-region play, while on the boys side the Brantley Bulldogs are the best bet to move on and keep their season alive. The Kinston Bulldogs could pull off an upset if they play well, but that is about it as the season should close for the rest of the area teams.

\*\*\* Turning to football, word leaked out last week that the Elba Tigers would host the Zion Chapel Rebels this spring in a high school football jamboree. The two county rivals met for the first time a few years back in a fall jamboree. So, the spring event should create quite a stir among the players that have grown to know each other so well over the years while competing in other sports. The date has yet to be announced, but once it is there is no doubt it will circled on all the calendars at Elba and Zion Chapel.

\*\*\* In closing... Alabama's Coach Nick Saban got in hot water last week when he made a comment off the record that made his way to the radio talk shows. The new Bama coach used a slang term for certain residents from Louisiana, and while it may have been the wrong thing to say, maybe the coach at least now knows that just because he says something is off the record doesn't mean it is.

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## In 58-39 loss to Opp

## Elba Tiger losing streak reaches eight games

The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season at home Friday night and saw their losing streak reach eight games as lost to the Opp Bobcats 58-39.

The loss, the fourth of the season to Opp, dropped the Tigers' record to 9-16, while the Bobcats upped their record to 14-11 with the win.

Elba trailed only 3-2 with 6:56 remaining in the first quarter after a jumper by Aaron Harrelson from deep in the corner, but the Tigers didn't score again for almost four minutes and trailed 10-4 by the time Jordan McBride scored from inside with 3:31 left in the stanza.

Opp's lead grew to 15-4 with 1:53 remaining, and despite two late baskets by Trey Belcher and Gavin Repress, the Tigers ended the opening stanza on the short end of a 16-9 score.

Opp moved on top 19-9 early in the second quarter and appeared ready to take complete command. However, Elba staged a mild rally, and behind the play of Frank Morris and Antwon Tillis chopped the Bobcats' lead to 22-15 with 2:05 left in the stanza. Opp regained command late and closed the quarter with a 5-2 run to carry a

27-17 lead in at the half. Baskets by Trey Belcher and Jordan McBride enabled the Tigers to pull within 27-21 with 7:31 remaining in the third quarter, and Elba was still within six points at 29-23 with 6:39 remaining after McBride grabbed a rebound and converted on a put back. Opp scored the quarter's next five points to pull out to a 34-23 lead, and was back in charge by the end of the quarter as the Bobcats owned a 37-26 advantage.

The Bobcats stretched their lead to 41-26 early in the fourth quarter, and Elba never got any closer as the Tigers were only able to match Opp on the scoreboard and suffered the 58-39 home court loss.

Gavin Repress and Jordan McBride both scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Rhet Barnes paced the Bobcats with 21 points.

O 16 11 10 21 - 58  
E 9 9 8 13 - 39

Opp (58): Dunbar 2, Edwards 5, Wilson 4, Jones 9, Barnes 21, Lacey 7, D. Jones 4, J. Lacey 4, Colston 2.

Elba (39): Repress 10, Harrelson 2, Belcher 7, Morris 7, Tillis 4, McBride 10.



Elba Tigers Antwon Tillis (32) and Jordan McBride keep their eyes on the ball as they await a rebound in last week's battle against the Opp Bobcats. The Tigers will travel to Calhoun Friday night in the opening round of the Class 3A, Area 2 basketball tournament. (Photo by Mike Capps)

## Elba falls to Highland Home 73-58

The Elba Tigers made the trip up to Highland Home last Tuesday night and saw a late rally fall short in a 73-58 loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron.

The Tigers got off to a slow start and trailed 15-8 after one quarter, then saw the Squadron take off in the second quarter as Highland Home poured in 30 points in the stanza to open up a big 45-32 halftime advantage. Elba matched Highland Home basket-for-basket in the third quarter, but trailed 58-35 heading into the fourth quarter, and even a late rally only made the score respectable as the Tigers lost the game 73-58.

Antwon Tillis scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Frank Morris added 15 and Trey Belcher scored 11. Anthony Merriweather scored 14 points to lead five Highland Home players that scored in double digits.

H. Home (73): Arrington 5, Cordell 2, McGough 2, Bailey 11, Beasley 2, Harris 10, Bryant 11, Merriweather 14, O. Merriweather 2, Sparks 2, Sankey 10.

Elba (58): Hudson 3, Mitchell 7, Harrelson 4, Belcher 11, Morris 15, Tillis 18.

## Elba Lady Tigers no match for Lady Bobcats in 75-45 loss

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their late-season struggles Friday night with a 75-45 loss to the highly-ranked Opp Lady Bobcats.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 5-17, while Opp improved to 18-4 with the win.

The Lady Tigers failed to score a point for almost five minutes after the opening tip and found themselves trailing 14-1 after finally getting on the scoreboard with 3:07 remaining in the first quarter on a free-throw by Janae Canley. Opp's lead grew to 16-1 with 2:34 left in the stanza, but Elba began to settle down late and led by two baskets by LaFondra Thigpen cut the Lady Bobcats' lead to 18-6 after one quarter of play.

The Lady Tigers came out determined to get back in the game in the second quarter, and did just that, as LaFondra Thigpen nailed three long three-pointers and scored 12 points in a two minute span as Elba pulled within 20-18 with 5:54 remaining in the stanza. Opp scored four straight points to stretch its lead back out to 24-18 with 4:47 remaining, and while Elba battled throughout the quarter, the Lady Tigers connected on only 6 of 16 free-throws in the quarter as the Lady Bobcats regained command and carried a 34-25 lead in at halftime.

LaFondra Thigpen continued her hot shooting as she scored six points in the initial four minutes of the third quarter. However, Opp scored 14 points during the same time span and

with 4:30 remaining in the quarter owned a big 48-32 advantage. The Lady Tigers refused to back down and continued to attack the Lady Bobcats on both ends of the court, but hit only 2 of 8 free-throw opportunities over the final four minutes of the stanza and found themselves trailing 59-38 heading into the fourth quarter.

Janae Canley scored four quick points in the fourth quarter to keep Elba's hopes alive, but the Lady Tigers scored only three points over the final seven minutes of the game and could do little but watch as Opp pulled away and claimed the 75-45 win.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 28 points to lead Elba, while Janae Canley added 7, Abby Foster scored 23 points to lead Opp, while Kiara Henderson added 20 and Joi Rhymes added 12.

O 18 16 25 16 - 75  
E 6 19 13 7 - 45

Opp (75): Harrison 1, Henderson 20, Stephens 1, Foster 23, Rhymes 12, Foster 4, Drew 6, Hickman 2, Ellison 2, Mikel 4.

Elba (45): Henderson 4, Carpenter 2, Thigpen 28, Cross 1, Canley 7, Caldwell 3.

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Elba Lady Tiger Ashley Carpenter (14) waits for an outlet pass in last week's regular season finale against the Opp Lady Bobcats. The Lady Tigers will compete in area tournament action Friday night at Calhoun. (Photo by Mike Capps)

## Tryouts announced for new Coach Pitch travel ball team

Tryouts for a Coach Pitch travel ball team will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, from 1-3 p.m. at Legion Field on the Troy Highway in Elba. The team is for those ages 7, 8 and 9-years-old. To be on the team, the player can not be 9-years-old before May 1, 2007. For questions, call Tim Flowers at 897-5610, Wayne Akridge at 897-0111, Troy Kelley at 894-0379 or Chris Hudson at 897-3619.

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## New Brockton Gamecocks claw Kinston 99-61

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored almost at will last Monday night in rolling to a big 99-61 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Tevin McNair and Alex McNair both scored 14 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Shambray Johnson and Dadrion Johnson both added 13, and Courtney Foster and Justin Flowers scored 11 points apiece. Aaron Jacobs and Jake Hataway scored 16 points apiece for the Bulldogs, while A.J. Johnson added 12.

## Lady Bulldogs roll past Brockton 51-35

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and then slowed pulled away last Monday night in a 51-35 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Kalleigh Sanders scored 22 points and Christie Whigham added 11 to lead Kinston, while Valarie Hutcherson led New Brockton with 11 points.

## Brantley Bulldogs shoot down Andalusia 74-69

The Brantley Bulldogs hit 15 three-pointers last Tuesday night to surprise the Andalusia Bulldogs 74-69. Kevin Pitts scored 27 points and hit on seven three-pointers to lead Brantley, while Wesley apiece. Aaron Jacobs and Jake Hataway scored 16 points apiece for the Bulldogs, while A.J. Johnson added 12.

## Brantley Lady Bulldogs drop 48-33 decision

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs battled the 4A Andalusia Lady Bulldogs last Tuesday night and suffered a 48-33 loss. Elissa Persson scored 15 points to lead Brantley, while Blanche Alverson led Andalusia with 25 points.

## New Brockton rallies past Geneva Co. 60-58

The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from a 20-point first half deficit Friday night to defeat the Geneva County Bulldogs 60-58. Justin Flowers scored 15 points and Shambray Johnson added 13 to lead the Gamecocks, while Rashad Smith scored 26 points to lead the Bulldogs.

## Lady Gamecocks fall to Geneva County 46-19

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered Friday night in a 46-19 loss to the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs. Hannah Duvett scored 6 points to lead New Brockton, while Katlin Dennard scored 12 points and Haley Herring added 10 to spark Geneva County.

## Lady Bulldogs ripped by Samson 74-31

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs found out why the Samson Lady Tigers are ranked #1 in the state Friday night as they lost 74-31. Katie King scored 11 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and handed out 14 assists to lead Samson, while Kallie Revels scored 15 points and Kala Bess added 14.

## Zion Chapel tripped up by Wicksburg 81-46

The Zion Chapel Rebels gave their victory drought, continued Friday night at home with an 81-46 loss to the Wicksburg Panthers. Adam Carter scored 14 points and Zach Stephens added 10 to lead the Rebels, while Blake Wallace scored 24 points, had 7 steals and 7 assists to lead the Panthers.

## Lady Rebels roughed up in 70-13 defeat

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never recovered Friday night in a 70-13 loss to the Wicksburg Panthers. Ashley Parrish scored 6 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Rachel Fulford led Wicksburg with 16 points and Amber Weeks added 11.

## Altrusa of Jack plans basketball

tourney for Feb. 24 at Zion Chapel

Altrusa International Inc. of Jack, Ala., will sponsor a basketball tournament Saturday, Feb. 24, at Zion Chapel High School beginning at 9 a.m.

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A New Brockton Lady Gamecock goes high to grab a rebound in action last week against Geneva County. The Lady Gamecocks will compete this week in the area tournament in Samson. (Photo by Laura Basley)

## Elba JV Tigers end season with two wins to post 10-9 record

The Elba JV Tigers posted wins over Highland Home and Opp last week to close out the season with a record of 10 wins and 9 losses.

Following are highlights of both wins:

ELBA 55

H. HOME 52

The Elba JV Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late last Tuesday night to claim a 55-52 win over the Highland Home Flying Squadron, at Highland Home. The Tigers jumped out to an early 13-7 lead and owned a big 33-20 advantage at the half, but saw Highland Home rally and had to turn back the late charge to claim the exciting road win. Quenton Caldwell scored 23 points and Keenan Phillips added 12 to lead Elba.

Elba (55): Magwood 7, Cole 4, Phillips 12, Reed 9, Caldwell 23.

H.H. (52): Clement 5, Harris 7, Berry 4, Johnson 4, Cole 3.

Opp (40): Spears 2, Wyatt 7, McCarty 2, Norris 11, Kincaid 2, Washington 16.

Elba (41): Magwood 4, Cole 8, Phillips 9, Reed 9, Caldwell 13.

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

**ELBA DIVISION**

In the Matter of the Estate of **CAROLYN H. KELLEY**, Deceased.

Case No. PC-07-003

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**/s/ Dwight W. Kelley**  
Personal Representative  
1-25-2-1, 8 pd

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Hocutt family shares the gospel through their ministry in Peru

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For the Hocutts, sharing the gospel is a way of life. In fact, it's led them to adapt to a new lifestyle in another country with a different people group.

Keith Hocutt, wife Carolyn and daughters Marion and Hannah first left for Peru in 2000 as International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries to start churches among the Chiquian Quechua people. The family's home church is Lakeview Baptist, Auburn, in Tuskegee Lee Baptist Association.

Because the people of Peru are so kind, gracious and ready to please, Carolyn Hocutt said they learned they had to establish relationships with them before presenting the gospel — to prevent the people from agreeing to accept Christ without fully understanding that Jesus is "the way," not a way.

The Chiquian Quechua, descendants of the ancient Incas, have multiple gods already and do not need another one, she said.

According to the Hocutts, less than 5 percent of people in the area have responded in faith to Jesus Christ.

In the Great Commission, Jesus tells us to "make disciples, teaching them whatever I have commanded you," Keith Hocutt said.

The missionaries accomplish this through the use of Bible study and the inductive Bible study method. This method presents who, what, when, where and why questions, prompting listeners to understand the passage through their own answers.

In 2006, the Hocutts' emphasis was on Bible distribution, with almost 4,000 copies dispersed. Efforts were made to place a copy of the Bible in each home in 27 villages, and New Testaments were distributed in schools to children grades four and up.

This year, they plan to concentrate on discipleship by teaching the commands of Christ.

With each Bible story the missionaries teach, they help listeners make the connection to Jesus through examples of obedience or disobedience, such as the command to share one's faith in

## Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Living Word Christian Center now under new leadership

by Evangelist Elaine P. Mitchell

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Living Word Christian Center is now under new leadership. The new leaders are to include Archbishop Hiron Williams, Apostle Linda Williams, newly consecrated suffragan Bishop Walter Cannon, and Pastor Lois Cannon.

God is doing something fresh and new at Living Word Christian Center, however, from the old but solid foundation of the late Bishop George D. Lee III. One may ask who can possibly fill his shoes, because others have tried. Throughout scripture, we can see that a good leader is one who cares for his sheep and does not scatter them. "Woe unto the shepherds that scatter God's sheep" says Ezekiel 34:2. Archbishop Williams is sound in faith and in the heart of God's sheep that have been lost, scattered, or abused to return to their rightful place at Living

## Archbishop Hiron Williams

Williams is speaking of the souls that are not saved and are noticeably different. Living Word Christian Center is now under construction by God. He says the house must get ready for the increase. "Now is the time. Now faith is," Archbishop Williams and his ministerial staff at LWCC seek forgiveness from all those that have had any hurt from this house in times past. "God is doing something fresh and new at Living Word Christian Center."

"Just as leadership has changed, there must be a paradigm change in the people in order to receive the fresh manna from God," says Williams. "Change your mind or be left behind, the paradigm change must happen in the mind and Jesus Christ must be the ultimate role model. Be renewed in

## New Brockton High School Honor Rolls - First Semester

### "A" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Shelby Adkins, Claire Bailey, Timothy Beavers, Savannah Ellis, Jena Freese, Sam Herbert, Danney Mock, Kimberly Stephenson



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## NRCS accepting applications for program

Landowners in Alabama with qualifying properties are encouraged to consider applying for the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). This is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on their property.

WRP is administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Funds are allocated annually to purchase easements and restore wetlands on qualifying lands. For 2007, applications received by March 15, 2007, will be ranked and considered for funding.

To be eligible for WRP, land must be restorable and be suitable for wildlife benefits. This includes:

- Farmed wetlands
- Farmland that has become a wetland as a result of flooding
- Rangeland, pasture, or hayland having wetland soils
- Riparian areas which link protected wetlands

Interested landowners are encouraged to contact the local USDA/NRCS field service center to file an application. Applicants will be contacted by an NRCS employee who will complete an evaluation of the site for ranking purposes. Those selected for funding will be notified in writing by the NRCS state office.

Landowners can choose from three options. There is the restoration agreement, which pays 75 percent of the cost of restoring the wetland by planting trees and adding shallow water.

There is the 30 year easement, which pays the landowner 75 percent of the per acre value of the easement plus 75 percent cost-share. Then there is the permanent easement, which pays the landowner 100 percent of the easement value and 100 percent of the cost of restoring the area.

Restoring, protecting, and enhancing the functions and values of wetland ecosystems remain the focus of WRP in Alabama. By placing agricultural lands into WRP, the landowner provides resting and foraging habitat for migratory waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds, wading birds and other wetland species. The NRCS in Alabama takes great pride in contributing to the many species of water birds observed on WRP lands.

WRP assistance is based on the potential benefit which the public may realize from wetland protection and restoration—projects and lands with the greatest wetland values are given the highest priority. Generally, agricultural lands containing restorable wetlands are eligible for funding, although forested lands are only eligible for participation in WRP if they are not enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Participation in the WRP program can be beneficial to the landowner as well as to the environment. For more information about participation in the WRP program, contact your local NRCS office at the Farm Service Center in New Brockton. Telephone 334-894-5581, ext. 3.

## Sidewalk Art Festival and Bike Ride held Jan. 27th

The Elba Parks and Recreation sponsored the first annual Sidewalk Art Festival and Bike Ride Saturday, Jan. 27, in Elba.

Several participants weathered the cold temperatures to participate in the events held at TigerTown Park in Elba.

As shown above, the sidewalk in front of TigerTown Park received a colorful facelift as youngsters drew various designs.

Following the art festival, lunch was provided. In the afternoon, bicycles of all shapes and sizes were unloaded as participants prepared to peddle through Elba.

This too proved to be a fun event for all ages. Even Elba Police Officer John Nelson was caught making his way via bicycle.

The Elba Parks and Recreation currently is planning a Sock Hop for Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Rec. Center. Officials invite everyone to attend.



HEADING TO THE SOCK HOP... Michele Hudson, the program coordinator for the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, is dressed in her poodle skirt and ready to go to the 1st Annual Sock Hop, set for Saturday, February 17th, at the Recreation Center.

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## Elba sewer rates and garbage fees to increase March 1st

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council was extremely busy Monday evening, Feb. 12. Some items of interest to most people probably included the vote to increase sewer rates, as well as, an increase in residential garbage rates.

The residential sewer rate increase will increase the minimum from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per month. The new rates are effective March 1st, 2007.

Because sewer rates are tied to water usage volume, the following changes will apply:

First, 2,000 gallons at the basic rate noted above. The next 3,000 gallons will increase from \$2.00 per thousand to \$2.50. The next 7,000 gallons will increase from \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.25 each 1,000 gallons. There is no residential sewer charge for usage over 12,000 gallons, thus the maximum residential sewer charge will be \$26.25.

Commercial sewer rates will also increase. Basic minimum rates will go from \$14.00 to \$16.00 and will cover the first 3,000 gallons of water consumed. All usage over this minimum will be charged at \$1.50, up from the old \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons. There is no maximum charge on commercial usage.

Sewer tapping fees were also increased. A four inch sewer tap will cost \$400, a six inch tap will cost \$500 and an eight inch tap will increase to \$600.

Residential garbage fees were also increased by the Elba City Council. The new rate, effective March 1st, 2007, is \$14.00 per month, up two dollars from the previous rate.

In other business, the council heard citizen Jim Nichols give a presentation on a new, stronger ordinance dealing with dilapidated and/or severely damaged buildings.

Under the proposal presented

## Young Farmers program celebrates 50 years

Eleven successful farm families were honored Feb. 3 as the Alabama Farmers Federation gathered in Huntsville to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its Young Farmers program.

More than 400 Federation members were on hand for the Young Farmers Leadership Conference, which included educational seminars, the Outstanding Young Farm Family and Collegiate Discussion Meet contests, and a special recognition of the first leaders of the Young Farmers division.

"You, your organization and others like you are the hope of this country," said Marvin Kelley of Etowah County, who was honored as the first chairman of the Young Farmers program.

Following the commemoration of the 50th anniversary, current Young Farmers Director Brandon Moore joined State Young Farmers Chairman Steve Stroud of Pike County and Federation President Jerry A. Newby of Limestone County in presenting plaques to 11 commodity division winners in the Outstanding Young Farm Family competition.

Andy and Dixie Lavender of Coffee County were named winners in the peanut producer division.

Educational programs during the two-day conference included a presentation by Bruce Vincent, a third-generation Montana timber grower, who urged Alabama's young farmers to help shape a new environmental vision for agriculture.

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by Nichols, stiff fines would be imposed on those who fail to comply with the law. It also would hold a renter responsible for certain maintenance needs, such as grass and weeds in a yard.

Mayor James Grimes thanked

Nichols and said the council would review the recommendations and possibly include them in an already ongoing effort by city officials to bring city ordinances in line with state laws passed last year by the state Legislature.

Effective immediately

## Elba Electric rates increased

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board voted Monday evening, Feb. 12, to increase electric rates for residential and small commercial users.

Effective with the next billing, residential rates will increase from \$1.086 per kwh to

\$1.05 per kwh. This will result in about an extra \$30.00 for a homeowner who uses 1500 kwh.

Small commercial rates will increase from \$.081 to \$.103 per kwh.

Both will be offset somewhat by a reduction in the monthly fuel adjustment charges.

New Brockton Town Council approves

new garbage collection service contract.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council made a decision regarding the new garbage contract for the town Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, during the regular monthly meeting.

Mayor Charles Cole said officials had renegotiated the contract bid presented by Arrow Disposal, and the company agreed to \$12.90 per can, each month with no escalation clause. Another option for the town would be a minimum fee of \$6,011.41 per month for the service.

Mayor Cole also said the town's once looked at option of handling it's own garbage collection no longer looked feasible.

"The only choice we've got now is to accept it (contract from Arrow) or reject it," said Cole. "We've already renegotiated."

Arrow was the only company to submit a bid for the town's

garbage collection service. The new contract will take effect in March.

The mayor mentioned a possibility of Arrow working with New Brockton on a two-year contract rather than a three-year contract.

Council member Jeff White made a motion with a second from council member Cal Donnia Howard to accept the renegotiated bid from Arrow at \$12.90 per can for a 2-year period, if possible. This motion passed by a unanimous vote (council member Vicky Harrison was unable to attend the meeting).

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REMEMBER

Chapter Two of "Remember" can be found on Page 9 of today's paper.

Building coming down...Owners of Clements Furniture on the west side of the square in downtown Elba said this week they have reached an agreement with their insurance company, and the building shown above in their complex will be coming down in the next few weeks. Plans now are to take the building completely down, all the way to the ground.

In December, city officials were notified of structural problems with the wall supports of the building (see insert). A steel support beam had slipped and the facade of both stories was in danger of falling into the street. The openly weak spot is where the building, occupied for many years by DeVanes, joins the long time home of the former Elba Drug Company. Occupants of both buildings were advised at that time to stop using the facilities until the problem was examined by experts and necessary corrections made. At that time, Clements Furniture closed that portion of their store and moved all the furniture to another area. The Curves facility next door moved to another site, Court Street, adjacent to the Coffee County Courthouse, has been closed to all traffic since that time and is expected to remain closed until the danger is completely eliminated.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

County EMA director reviews outdoor warning siren program

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners received an update Monday, Feb. 12, on the county's outdoor warning system.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, said Coffee County's outdoor siren program started in 1999 and currently 25 outdoor sirens are installed around the county. He said the 26th siren recently was ordered and will be installed in the Victoria community.

Tallas stressed the word outdoor indicating the outdoor warning sirens are not intended to warn people inside their homes or other buildings.

He said the sirens can feature up to seven different tones, and Coffee County uses three tones. He said the most common tone is the tornado warning while the sirens in New Brockton also feature a jail break tone and the siren in Elba features a flood tone.

Tallas said the tornado warning is sounded only under two circumstances. First, he said it is sounded if the national weather service issues a tornado warning, and secondly, he said it is sounded following a reputable report of a sighting within the county. Tallas said his

office always errs on the side of safety.

"I think our siren program is one of the best in the state," Tallas said. "We get very good support from our municipalities, especially Elba and Enterprise, along with our governing body (Coffee County Commission)."

Following the report from Tallas, commissioners heard from county resident Sherry Perdue regarding the stray animal problem within the county.

Perdue began her presentation by asking if there had been any change with the handling of this problem since she last addressed commissioners.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the county still has cages available if anyone needs them.

Perdue became quite emotional as she showed commissioners photos of a stray horse she helped bring from poor health when found to good condition today. She also showed photos of a stray donkey that showed up in her yard, and she spoke of other starved animals in the county.

"There's a problem," Perdue said. "There's a big problem. Everyday, I see animals that are left. Surely, there is something that can be done."

Following Perdue's presentation, County EMA director John Tallas said matters regarding large animals such as horses are handled by the State

Department of Agriculture. He said this department has designated person in Coffee County who checks on such matters as cruelty to animals.

During Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting, County EMA director John Tallas said the annual statewide severe weather week will be observed next week. At some point during the week, he said a statewide tornado drill will be conducted (weather permitting).

Whitworth said the sheriff's department will regularly present a report of activity to the commission. During the month of January, he said the sheriff's department received 857 civil papers and 726 of those were served. He also said the department received 414 warrants and 269 of those were served.

Whitworth also said there had been questions regarding drug arrests to which he said the department made 31 drug arrest during the month of January. Of those, he said 25 were felony charges and six were misdemeanor charges. He noted that all were repeat offenders.

"It is a very, very busy place down there (referring to the sheriff's department)," said Whitworth.

He said this was on top of all the other daily matters handled by the department.

Following Whitworth's report, county attorney Joe Cassidy commended the sheriff's department. He said serving that many civil papers in a month's time period is a phenomenal task.



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by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners received an update Monday, Feb. 12, on the county's outdoor warning system.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, said Coffee County's outdoor siren program started in 1999 and currently 25 outdoor sirens are installed around the county. He said the 26th siren recently was ordered and will be installed in the Victoria community.

Tallas stressed the word outdoor indicating the outdoor warning sirens are not intended to warn people inside their homes or other buildings.

He said the sirens can feature up to seven different tones, and Coffee County uses three tones. He said the most common tone is the tornado warning while the sirens in New Brockton also feature a jail break tone and the siren in Elba features a flood tone.

Tallas said the tornado warning is sounded only under two circumstances. First, he said it is sounded if the national weather service issues a tornado warning, and secondly, he said it is sounded following a reputable report of a sighting within the county. Tallas said his

office always errs on the side of safety.

"I think our siren program is one of the best in the state," Tallas said. "We get very good support from our municipalities, especially Elba and Enterprise, along with our governing body (Coffee County Commission)."

Following the report from Tallas, commissioners heard from county resident Sherry Perdue regarding the stray animal problem within the county.

Perdue began her presentation by asking if there had been any change with the handling of this problem since she last addressed commissioners.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the county still has cages available if anyone needs them.

Perdue became quite emotional as she showed commissioners photos of a stray horse she helped bring from poor health when found to good condition today. She also showed photos of a stray donkey that showed up in her yard, and she spoke of other starved animals in the county.

"There's a problem," Perdue said. "There's a big problem. Everyday, I see animals that are left. Surely, there is something that can be done."

Following Perdue's presentation, County EMA director John Tallas said matters regarding large animals such as horses are handled by the State

Department of Agriculture. He said this department has designated person in Coffee County who checks on such matters as cruelty to animals.

During Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting, County EMA director John Tallas said the annual statewide severe weather week will be observed next week. At some point during the week, he said a statewide tornado drill will be conducted (weather permitting).